

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS:

S 15. Vertical suitcase of essentially parallelipedal shape without rigid frame having faces consisting of supple material, wherein the rigidification of the suitcase is achieved by two tubes joining a lower surface part and an upper surface part supporting the aforesaid supple material, said tubes consisting of guides for the rods of a retractable handle provided in the upper part, said tubes being adjacent to a rear face opposite a front face having an opening covered by a flap or panel, a closing means for opening the flap or panel, the upper and lower parts being in the form of a molded piece or sheet of plastic of curved form defining at least the upper and lower rounded *arises* of the rear face of the suitcase, the lateral faces being each made of a supple material and being hooped by a retaining elastic ring.

S 16. Suitcase according to claim 15 in wherein the plastic is a semirigid plastic.

- (S)* 17. Suitcase according to claim 15 wherein the upper and lower surface parts constitute the separate elements forming upper shell and lower shell.
- (P)* 18. Suitcase according to claim 15 wherein the upper and lower surface parts are integrated into one integral piece covered by the rear face.
19. Suitcase according to claim 15 wherein the incurvated form of the lower part or shell is imposed by the curved extremity of the tubes, the incurvated form of the upper part or shell being imposed by the lateral retaining rings, such being preferably metallic retaining rings, provided in the form of two lateral frames defining the lateral faces in flexible material.
20. Suitcase according to claim 15 wherein the upper and lower parts are in the form of a polyethylene sheet or plate.
21. Suitcase according to claim 15 wherein the sheet constituting the upper part or shell does not support at least a front part of the upper face of the suitcase.

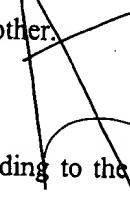
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22. Suitcase according to [the preceding claim] characterized in that a zip fastener opening, for example an opening zipper provided on the front face of the suitcase, extends up to at least the aforesaid front part, preferably between 10% and 50% of its surface, enabling a partial opening of the upper face.

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23. Suitcase according to claim 17 in which [the shell] or part is attached by riveting, to the exterior of the incurvated extremities of the tubes.

24. Assembly [of suitcases] according to claim 15 provided with wheels, of different dimensions [constituting a set of suitcases being able to be disposed head to foot one in the other].



25. Assembly according to the preceding claim in which there are more than 5 vertical suitcases being able to be nested one in the other.